

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-52 (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) A method for managing information resources in a computer system for the purpose of resource retrieval, said resources including a first resource to be retrieved and a second resource obtained independently from said first resource and having a potential relevance relationship with other resources based on a relevance scoring process, the method comprising:

a) receiving user information from a user input device, said user information being representative of a declaration that said first resource is associated with said second resource for the purpose of being later retrieved, and storing information relative to this declaration;

b) when ~~accessing~~selecting said second resource by a user input device:

~~b1) displaying said second resource,~~

[[b2)]| b1) based on said stored information, further displaying an indicator of the existence of said first resource,

c) when selecting ~~for access~~ an other resource:

c1) determining whether said other resource is relevant with respect to said second resource,

~~c2) displaying said other resource, and~~

[[c3)]| c2) if step c1) has determined a relevance between said other resource and said second resource, based on said stored information, further displaying an indicator of the existence of said first resource,

d) retrieving said first resource utilizing said indicator displayed when ~~accessing~~selecting said second resource or said other resource,

wherein said first resource is retrievable although it initially had no connection with the second resource.

54. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said user information received in said step a) is representative of a declaration that said first resource is associated with several second resources, all said second resources being obtained independently from said first resource.

55. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said second resource comprises a group of resources, and wherein said relevance scoring process finds other resources based on an input including said group of resources.

56. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein said group of resources comprises resources derived from a browsing context.

57. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein said group of resources forms a spot of resources.

58. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said step c1) is performed by comparing a relevance score with a threshold.

59. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said step c1) is performed by using relevance data previously obtained by said relevance scoring process performed between said other resource and said second resource.

60. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said step c1) is performed by performing said relevance scoring process between said other resource and said other resource once said other resource has been selected.

61. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said indicator comprises a link to said first resource.

62. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said step a) comprises receiving information from said user input device which is a pointing input device, said information being representative of actions made with said pointing input device on displayed graphical objects representative of said first resource and said second resource.

63. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said step a) further comprises the storage in a user associative memory of information representative of an association between the first and second resources.

64. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein said relevance scoring process comprises implementing a search engine based on the analysis of links between various resources based on an input query comprising a series of resource identifiers designating the resources of said group.

65. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said second and other resources are connected by links contained in citing resources for directly accessing said cited resources, and said relevance scoring process comprises the following steps:

i) identifying a set of citing resources that includes all the resources having a link to at least one starting resource,

ii) forming a set of candidate resources that includes all resources cited by said citing resources,

iii) for each candidate resource, calculating a candidate resource relevance score between said candidate resource and the at least one starting resource on the basis of the existence of links situated in the citing resources and directed toward the candidate resource and toward the at least one starting resource, and on the basis of citing resource relevance scores assigned to each of the citing resources,

iv) for each citing resource, recalculating a citing resource relevance score on the basis of the existence, in the citing resource in question, of links to the candidate resources and on the basis of the candidate resource relevance scores allocated to the candidate resources in said step iii),

v) repeating said calculating and said recalculating one or more times followed by said calculating,

vi) determining relevant resources as being the candidate resources which exhibit best candidate resource relevance scores.

Claims 66-69 (Cancelled)

70. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein said first resource is a personal file, and said second and other resources are web pages.

72. (Previously Presented) A method for managing information resources in a computer system for the purpose of resource retrieval, said resources including a first resource to be retrieved and a second resource obtained independently from said first resource and having a potential relevance relationship with other resources based on a relevance scoring process, the method comprising:

a) receiving user information from a user input device, said user information being representative of a declaration that said first resource is associated with said second resource for the purpose of being later retrieved, and storing information relative to this declaration;

b) when accessing said second resource by a user input device:

b1) displaying said second resource,

b2) based on said stored information, further displaying an indicator of the existence of said first resource,

c) when accessing an other resource, by a user input device:

c1) determining whether said other resource is relevant with respect to said second resource,

c2) displaying said other resource, and

c3) if step c1) has determined a relevance between said other resource and said second resource, based on said stored information, further displaying an indicator of the existence of said first resource,

d) retrieving said first resource utilizing said indicator displayed when accessing said second resource or said other resource,

whereby said first resource is retrievable although it initially had no connection with the second resource.

73. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 72, wherein said user information received in said step a) is representative of a declaration that said first resource is associated with several second resources, all said second resources obtained independently from said first resource.

74. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein said other resources belong to a plurality of resources forming a browsing context.